

Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data

Meeting Details:

Date/Time: March 1, 2019 1:00 - 2:00 PM Eastern Time

Location: Teleconference only (administered from USGS Headquarters, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192)

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Agenda

All Times Eastern Time Zone

1:00 - 1:05 Introductions for new attendees

1:05 - 1:25 ACWI-SSWD GitHub

1:25 - 1:35 OPEN Government Data Act

1:35 - 1:45 Waters of the US (WOTUS) proposed change

1:45 - 1:55 Other business and announcements

1:55 - 2:00 Adjourn

Attendees

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1:05 - 1:25 ACWI-SSWD GitHub

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- A possible model is ODM2 - see <https://github.com/ODM2/>

1:25 - 1:35 OPEN Government Data Act

- The Open, Public, Electronic and Necessary (OPEN) Government Data Act was signed by President Jan 14
 - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4174/text>
 - <https://www.datacoalition.org/press-releases/president-signs-government-wide-open-data-bill/>
 - <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/fact-sheet-foundations-for-evidence-based-policy-making-act/>
 - OMB expects to release a [one-year draft action plan](#) for the data strategy soon

1:35 - 1:45 Definition of Waters of the US (WOTUS) proposed change

- Press Release:
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-army-propose-new-waters-united-states-definition>
- Factsheets on Proposed Rule:
<https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/proposed-revised-definition-wotus-factsheets>
- Infographic for Proposed Rule:
<https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/proposed-revised-definition-wotus-infographic>
- Document here:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/14/2019-00791/revised-definition-of-waters-of-the-united-states>

Substantial section on mapping of [WOTUS starting p 160](#) of this doc version of proposed ruling.. This may be Section IV “ State, Tribal and Federal Agency Datasets of “Waters of the United States” “ starting on page 4198 of the Federal Register document at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-14/pdf/2019-00791.pdf>

Proposed rule was published on Valentine's Day, comment period is currently through 4/15.

1:45 - 1:55 Other business and announcements

- Third NSF Workshop on Conceptualizing a National [Geospatial Software Institute](#) - rescheduled, now taking place 7/14-7/16. Al Rea, Dave Blodgett, and Tad Slaweki submitted a [two-page brief](#) titled “Integrating Practitioner Perspectives Into a National Geospatial Software Institute (GSI)”, and Tad is currently slated to participate in the workshop. Your input and comments appreciated ...
- CUAHSI hydroinformatics conference in Provo, UT at the end of July. CUAHSI is soliciting sessions proposals
<https://www.cuahsi.org/community/news-events/call-for-sessions-cuahsi-conference-on-hydroinformatics>
- National AWRA Conference November 3, 2019 - November 7, 2019
https://www.awra.org/Members/Events_and_Networking/Events/ANNUAL_WATER_RESOURCES_CONFERENCE.aspx
- Esri User Conference July 6-12 San Diego with annual pre-conference water resources meeting Sunday July 7th.
<https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/overview>
- International Conference for Environmental Data Management (www.icedm.net) May 22 - 23, 2019 - Seeking topics and abstracts for presentation.

1:55 - 2:00 Adjourn

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